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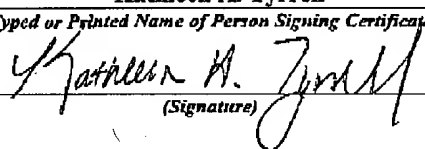
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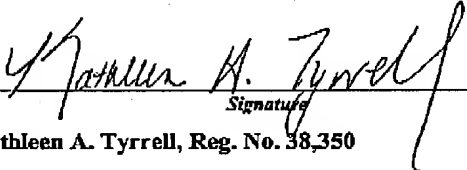
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enter the following remarks into the record.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of  
claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 3.